Summary of Administrative Review Board Proceedings for ISN 1452

The Administrative Review Board was called to order.

The Designated Military Officer (DMO) was sworn.

The Board Reporter was sworn.

The Translator was sworn.

The Detainee entered the proceedings.

The Presiding Officer announced the convening authority and purpose of the Administrative Review Board proceedings.

The Administrative Review Board members were sworn.

The Assisting Military Officer was sworn.

The Presiding Officer asked the Detainee if he wishes to make a statement under oath. (Muslim oath offered).

The Detainee declined taking the (Muslim) oath.

The Presiding Officer read the hearing instructions to the Detainee and confirmed that he understood.

The Assisting Military Officer presented the Enemy Combatant Notification form, Exhibit EC-A, to the Administrative Review Board.

The Assisting Military Officer presented the Enemy Combatant Election Form, Exhibit EC-B, to the Administrative Review Board.

The Assisting Military Officer read the AMO Comments from the Enemy Combatant Election Form, Exhibit EC-B,

Assisting Military Officer: The Detainee's initial Administrative Review Board interview occurred on 29 August 2005 and lasted one hour and forty minutes. After a review of the Administrative Review Board purpose and procedures, the Arabic translation of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence was read to the Detainee. The Detainee chose to attend the Administrative Review Board and answer the allegations on the Unclassified Summary of Evidence. The Detainee retained a translated copy of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence to prepare for his board appearance. A follow up interview was held on 30 August 2005 and lasted one hour and forty minutes. The Detainee stated that many of the detainees in the camps at Guantanamo, Bagram and Khandahar are on the edge of mental illness brought on by abuses at the hands of the

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guards and by the general conditions in which the detainees are held. He also said that many of the affected detainees will not talk about their abuse and that their deteriorating mental situation needs to be addressed by the United States. When asked if he would talk about any abuses that he had personally suffered, the Detainee said that he personally had suffered no abuse. A report of abuse was submitted in accordance with OARDEC Memorandum 01/2005 (Revision 2).

Presiding Officer: I note for the record that the Detainee made no claims of personal abuse, just that he had viewed the abuse of others.

Detainee: I was threatened by the same methods the other detainees had but it wasn't really administered on me personally.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much.

Detainee: But the abuse happened to other Detainees.

Presiding Officer: We understand, thank you.

The Designated Military Officer presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1, and DMO-2 to DMO-3, other unclassified information to the Administrative Review Board.

The Designated Military Officer stated that a copy of these exhibits had been previously distributed to the Assisting Military Officer and Detainee.

The Presiding Officer noted from the Enemy Combatant Election Form that the detainee wanted to respond to each item of information from the Unclassified Summary as it was presented.

The Designated Military Officer gave a brief description of the contents of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence, Exhibit DMO-1 to the Administrative Review Board.

Designated Military Officer: Sometime in 1985, the Detainee, his father, his two brothers, his cousin Mustafa Hamlili, and a friend of the family named Abu Yasir left Algeria and went to Peshawar, Pakistan, to perform jihad.

Detainee: I lived in Mecca and my father had a job.

Presiding Officer: Lived in Mecca, Saudi Arabia?

Detainee: Yes. He had a job as a civil engineer. He found a job in Islamic Commission for charity reasons and he was asked to work in a section of the Afghani Refugee Division.

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Presiding Officer: Did you live in Algeria at the time or did you live in Saudi Arabia?

Detainee: From 1986 to 2003, we came from Saudi Arabia to Pakistan.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: Abu Yasir was the head of External Information and the head of Finance for al Qaida prior to September 2001.

Detainee: I haven't seen Abu Yasir, since 1986, up to today. I have no idea. He is a detainee here you can ask him. If he says differently I am willing to face him and face the consequences.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much.

Designated Military Officer: Mustafa Hamlili specialized in forging documents as a follower of Omar Chaabani (aka Abu Jaffar). Chaabani's group members transited through Peshawar, Pakistan, at a center activated and funded by Usama Bin Laden.

Detainee: I have no idea about this and this allegation and it [should] be pointed [towards] somebody else not me.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: Enroute to Afghanistan, the Detainee's group traveled to Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, where they stayed for about three months at a guesthouse operated by the Egyptian Jihad Group and run by Ayman Al-Zarqawi, the second in command within al Qaida. The Detainee met Usama Bin Laden (UBL) while at this guesthouse, and the Detainee's father began a relationship with UBL.

Detainee: I have no idea what you're talking about. The question should be pointed at my father not me.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Secretary of State has designated Al-Jihad (aka Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Jihad Group, and Islamic Jihad) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO). This group is an Egyptian Islamic extremist group active since the late 1970s that merged with al Qaida in June 2001. The group's primary goals are to overthrow the Egyptian Government and replace it with an Islamic state and to attack United States and Israeli interests in Egypt and abroad.

Detainee: I have no clue. I'm not a lieutenant. I'm not a president in that group. This allegation [is] not pointed to me. The group itself, they are all known by this and we hear all this by the media, by the news and they are proud of what your saying. They know

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that and they are all [well] known, the group that they want[s] to attack the United States or Israel or any other country abroad.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much. We understand.

Designated Military Officer: During the post-Soviet years when the Mujahedin leaders were vying for control of Afghanistan, the Detainee was aligned with Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Detainee: That's impossible.

Designated Military Officer: Gulbuddin Hekmatyar founded Hizb-I Islami Gulbuddin (HIG) as a faction of the Hizb-I Islami party in 1977, and it was one of the major Mujahedin groups in the war against the Soviets. The Secretary of State has identified this group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization. Also known as HIG this group has longestablished ties with Usama Bin Laden. HIG has staged small attacks in its attempt to force United States troops to withdraw from Afghanistan, overthrow the Afghan government, and establish a fundamentalist state.

Detainee: I have no idea what you're talking about.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee was a member of HIG from 1991 to 1993.

Detainee: That's impossible.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee fought on the front lines with the HIG in 1996.

Detainee: Not true. It's impossible.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee served as a foot soldier in HIG fighting against General Dostum and Massoud after the Soviets left Afghanistan.

Detainee: Impossible.

Designated Military Officer: After leaving Afghanistan, the Detainee returned to Peshawar where he joined the Algerian jihad group Jamiat Islami. This group was formed to go back to Algeria and begin a new jihad. The Detainee's main job was distributing the Al Ansar newspaper, which they received via fax from London, England.

Detainee: I deny this and that's impossible.

Designated Military Officer: The Secretary of State has designated the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) in Algeria as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO). The GIA is an Islamic extremist group attempting to overthrow the secular Algerian regime and replace

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it with an Islamic state. Since 1992, the GIA has conducted a terrorist campaign of civilian massacres, sometimes wiping out entire villages in its area of operation. The group uses assassinations and bombings, including car bombs, and it is known to favor kidnapping victims and slitting their throats.

Detainee: This is all known in the media, but I am not a member in it. They should note crimes that they did against the civilians in 1990. It's similar to the regime that use[d] to be in Hafez Al Assad days and Saddam Hussein's days. You mention this but why don't you mention with these people Saddam Hussein...the crimes that...it's the same procedures that its been done in war zone[s] only the civilians use the knives but the other parties use the military actions.

Presiding Officer: We mention these groups because right or wrong your name has been associated. That's why we mention these groups.

Detainee: I am not from this group and I don't belong to it...

Presiding Officer: We understand your answer. Next.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee was a member of GIA from 1993 to 1994.

Detainee: Impossible.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee joined a group called Hillafah to which he was elected as the group's leader because he spoke Pashto and was able to pass himself off as an Afghani.

Detainee: I never belonged to this group and [it's] impossible that I belonged to this group.

Designated Military Officer: According to the Detainee, Al Khalifa is a very disciplined sect that enforces Islamic or Shari Law. Losing your life is an acceptable risk for non-compliance.

Detainee: I have never heard of this script[ure] that your stating and I never belonged to this group.

Designated Military Officer: The Al-Khalifa group was dedicated to overthrowing the Pakistani government.

Detainee: That's all known about it. Pakistan took over and transferred it to Bangladesh. Every time a military action happens the country has to make its land wider.

Presiding Officer: You're saying that Pakistan did this to Bangladesh?

Detainee: In the first place, Bangladesh belongs to Pakistan.

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Presiding Officer: East Pakistan.

Detainee: India split Bangladesh [with Pakistan] put a lot of pressure in...you know the history and you are a military man. I'm sure you know about this. Pakistan tried to bring back [the Eastern] part of [Bangladesh].

Presiding Officer: I understand. Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: While a member of the Khalifah group, the Detainee tracked down, assaulted, and robbed a group of men of about 700,000 Pakistani rupees. The group of men included an individual the Detainee suspected of spying on the Khalifah group.

Detainee: This has been added to this. This is not true. The guy who I took the money from he is supposed to sue me. This is first, second that's not true. That's impossible. I have [not] done all these actions.

Designated Military Officer: According to the Detainee, the Khalifa group itself had relationships with the Egyptian Islamic Jihad.

Detainee: I don't know. Ask them this question. I am not from this group, so I decide...

Presiding Officer: I understand. You deny membership in Khalifa, you don't understand what the group does. I understand. Next.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee stated that Jamaat Muslimin and Al Khalifa were the same organization, just different names used in different locations and that all were part of Takfir Wa Hiijra.

Detainee: I'm not one of them and I don't know anything about that.

Designated Military Officer: Jama'at al-Muslimin is an extreme Islamic fundamentalist group whose leader is 'Abdallah al-Rifa'i. As of early 2002, al-Rifa'i, who moved his headquarters from Pakistan to the United Kingdom to Bangladesh, estimated there were 10,000 members worldwide.

Detainee: This is the first time I['ve] hear[d] about this ever, since the interview with me.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee was described as a very violent person with little contact except for his close fiends and those affiliated with Takfer Wael Hagra. The Detainee believes that only he and a few others within Takfer Wael Hagra are important and that even other Muslims are subservient infidels who cannot peacefully live or practice among them. This group has no problem killing others.

Detainee: This is all known [by] whoever hate[s] me that I am a violent man, but that's not true. You're supposed to know me I have been on the camp for two years. You're

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supposed to know me, if I am violent or not. These Islamic groups I really don't believe in it, because it's all lies and I know these groups. There all lies and games and they use you as a pressure [point]. The first person who used this group was Stalin, in World War II. The Islamic group basis I know about it and all. President Arafat used to use these methods, these groups. He used to use their methods between the Palestinian matter and the Arabs in the Middle East. American intelligence use[d] these groups and this is all known by the FBI (inaudible). And even Usama Bin Laden, he was getting orders from the FBI agencies. Indirectly, his operations use to be indirectly through Saudi Arabia. General said that he had orders to capture Usama Bin Laden and he had mentioned that Usama Bin Laden use to be on our side. [He] use to work with our allies. This is a really big point against you in international law.

Presiding Officer: I understand.

Detainee: And you're the one who made Usama Bin Laden as a terrorist and please don't be mad at what I'm telling you (inaudible).

Presiding Officer: I understand, but today I want to focus on you. I understand that you say that you are not a member of this organization. That is sufficient, if you say that. We understand.

Detainee: Thank you very much.

Designated Military Officer: A senior al Qaida lieutenant stated the Detainee was a Taqfiri, a group of religious fanatics who were known to purge and kill their own members. The Detainee was a good contact if one needed to stay or pass through the tribal region on the Afghanistan and Pakistan border.

Detainee: Who is this Sergeant? Is he American?

Presiding Officer: We don't know. This is a summary of information. I don't know.

Detainee: Th[ese] are all lies.

Presiding Officer: For the record, you have never helped people across the border?

Detainee: Never, never, never.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. I understand.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee assisted two reported al Qaida supporters and facilitators in moving a group of Kurdish fighters and their families from the Afghanistan border to a guesthouse in Pakistan.

Detainee: Lies.

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Designated Military Officer: The Detainee admitted to having killed Asadullah al-Sindi. Al-Sindi was Usama Bin Laden's commercial representative in Pakistan and a member of al Qaida. This action alienated the Detainee from many members of al Qaida.

Detainee: This is a lie and this matter happened [in] 1996. How come al Qaida didn't retaliate? Th[ese] are all lies. There is no basis to it, no facts; and I don't have really a lawsuit even in Pakistani government. Al Qaida members they lie and they will purge and most of them they really apologized to me in Camp V. He had ask[ed] me please...he had asked for my forgiveness because he had to do so. He had to say something like this because he was under pressure. You can go ahead and look for him and question him and I will give you his room number. He used to be detained next to me; ask [him] who forced [him] to forge witness against me and why did you retreat and why did you come back and ask for my forgiveness.

Presiding Officer: We understand, you say this did not happen?

Detainee: Thank you very much.

Designated Military Officer: Sometime in 1997, the Detainee was arrested by the Pakistani police for stealing a car with three Pakistani friends, all of who had been associated with al-Khilafa. For this crime, he served approximately on and a half years in prison, until his release and his expulsion from Pakistan in 1999.

Detainee: That's a lie, that's a lie and a lie. I was captured by the Pakistani because I did not have the legal papers. They accused me [of] belong[ing] to al-Khilafa. I was under probation in prison. When the time was over, I was dep[o]rted [out of] Pakistan. In [the] first place, they should [have] sen[t] me to my own country, but my wife sent a letter to the president. She begged them to find a solution for this situation and for me to be released. Pakistan never accused me of this allegation and they have never mentioned al-Sindi. Pakistan never mentioned these crimes, but when I was captured in Peshawar by orders from the FBI they mentioned this to me.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: After spending approximately one year in jail, the Detainee was deported to Afghanistan. The Detainee went to Jalalabad where he had a friend named Abdullah from Morocco, who the Detainee had fought with in the HIG. Abdullah subsequently introduced the Detainee to various people within the Taliban.

Detainee: When Pakistan sent me to.... I met this person at a mosque. The Morocco guy I met at the mosque and I got to know him there when Pakistan sent me... Since I had no legal papers of residency in Pakistan they kicked me out of the border eventually.

Presiding Officer: Into Afghanistan?

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Detainee: I never entered willingly to Afghanistan with my satisfaction. I was pushed to go there, and then I met this Morocco guy at the mosque. I was captured and with the handcuff[s] [on] all the way to the border, [un]til I got to the border. When I got to the border they released the cuffs and they took [off] the handcuffs and they said, "Go to Afghanistan and never come back." Then I entered Afghanistan. So I entered Afghanistan casually, because Afghanistan [didn't] have...they didn't have immigration laws and entries and so on. I entered casually, no legal papers, and I spoke Pashto. I entered the city and I got to know this Morocco guy at the mosque. I entered the mosque to pray and I met this guy. When I saw him, I remembered that I [had not] seen this guy [since] 1991. He introduced me to a lot of people with the Taliban and he told them, "this is a poor guy and he doesn't know anybody." He introduced me to a lot of people. They were nice to me. They were very hospitable, no force upon me. They gave me money; they gave me food, board. They offered me a job. They told me I should find me some way to live. They offered me to work. I was offered by the Taliban to work at al Jazeera station. The guy who works at the al Jazeera, he tested me to see [what] my capabilities in translation. He found me weak because I can translate but I can't translate right on the fly. I had no qualifications in that [aspect] and you need practice to do translation on the fly. I had no previous experience. He refused me and he told me that our office [couldn't] accept you. And then the Secretary of State took me and found me a job in the media and translation [department]. This is not a crime. I want to work. I want to seek a living, to provide for my family.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. Some of the next questions deal with the same stuff. It talks about your time with the Taliban, Foreign Minister and your time with al Jazeera.

Detainee: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Taliban gave the Detainee room and board in Kabul for approximately four months. During this time, the Detainee received a job as a translator at the Taliban Foreign Ministry based on the personal recommendation of the Taliban Foreign Minister. The Detainee did not mind working for the Taliban as they listened to him and treated him with kindness and respect.

Detainee: I just told you about it now. Yes, that's true, the last statement. I did not care who I was working with because that's natural when you work with somebody and they're treating you nice. I have to be there. Plus I don't want to go back to Pakistan.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: From at least January 2002 through February 2003, the Detainee received financial assistance from al Qaida for living expenses such as food, rent, clothes, and so forth. The Detainee stated that Abu Sulayman al-Jaza'iri was responsible for providing money to the individuals and families in the Peshawar area in Pakistan, although he often relied on intermediaries, such as Abu Nasim and Muhammad Shah, to provide the money directly to families.

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Detainee: That's impossible. I was forced to say this.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee stated Abu Nasim al Tunisi is a Tunisian who provided the Detainee with a monthly stipend of 7,000 Pakistani rupee after the Detainee had fled Afghanistan, and was living in Pakistan. Abu Nasim was a member of the Tunisian Fighting Group, and was acting as a money courier.

Detainee: I have no idea what you're talking about. I never said this.

Presiding Officer: I want to make sure I understand your answers. I'm not saying yes or no. I just want to make sure we understand.

Detainee: Thank you, but some of the allegations I was really forced to answer.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. I understand.

Designated Military Officer: The Secretary of State has designated the Tunisian Combat Group (TCG) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO). The TCG reportedly is seeking to establish an Islamic regime in Tunisia and targets United States and Western interests. The loosely organized TCG has come to be associated with al Qaida and other North African extremist networks that have been implicated in terrorist plots.

Detainee: I never stated this and I have no idea about this.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee said that Abu Nasim al-Tunisi was in charge of a cell comprised of twelve families, including the Detainee's family. Abu Nasim had visited the Detainee's home many times and had the Detainee's phone number.

Detainee: This kind of talk I was forced to say this. I was forced.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee attended the Sadda Camp several times between 1986 and 1991. The camp was started when the Russians invaded Afghanistan and it provided general and specialized training in weapons, tactics, and special operations. Training at this camp was considered mandatory for fighters entering Afghanistan to fight the Russians.

Detainee: I don't know. I have no idea I was forced to say this here, in Bagram, and in Kabul.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: Training at Sadda Camp consisted of anti-aircraft guns and small arms, such as the Kalashnikov, AK-47, Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPG) and the PK machine gun. The Detainee claimed that during the training he fired each of these weapons and then used them on the front line. While fighting on the front line in Afghanistan, the Detainee received training on the Stinger missile, but he never fired it.

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Detainee: Lies and I was forced to say this.

Presiding Officer: I understand.

Detainee: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: Sometime in 1999, the Detainee and 15 to 20 other Algerian members of GIA received training at the al Qaida-sponsored Jaluzi Camp near Peshawar in preparation for returning to Algeria for jihad.

Detainee: Lies.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee attended the Khalden Camp in Afghanistan for one month in preparation for returning to Algeria for jihad.

Detainee: It's all lies. Impossible. I was forced to say so.

Designated Military Officer: The Khalden Camp was an al Qaida training camp located near Kabul that was operated by Ibn Shaykh Al-Libi and Abu Zubaydah. Instruction at this camp included urban guerilla tactics, physical conditioning, and endurance.

Detainee: I don't know about this camp. I don't know its location and I never entered it.

Designated Military Officer: Abu Zubaydah is a senior member of al Qaida.

Detainee: I don't know him personally, but I heard about him on the news.

Designated Military Officer: In November 2002, the Detainee participated in a three-day improvised explosive devices training class, including the use of poisons in explosives, in Peshawar, Pakistan. The explosives expert teaching the course had been a member of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad.

Detainee: During [the] investigation I was forced to say all this talk not here in Guantanamo Bay [but] in Bagram and Kabul. All lies.

Designated Military Officer: In November 2002, during the three-day improvised explosive devices (IED) training course, the Detainee and other participants discussed several methods on how to attack United States forces at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Methods discussed included poisoning the food while it was at the Karachi port and attaching IEDs to fuel trucks entering Bagram. In addition, they discussed using bombs to attack troops in Konar and Nangarhar Provinces.

Detainee: That's all lies again. I was force to say all of this when they were investigating me in Bagram and Kabul. It's under the psychological abuse and mental abuse I had to say all this and that is all lies.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

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Designated Military Officer: In 1995, Muhammad Shah offered to sell uranium to the Detainee. Several months later, Shah offered the uranium to al Qaida, and then to the Iraqi Embassy in Pakistan. The Detainee believes the uranium was stolen from the Pakistani government. Shah showed photographs of the uranium to the Detainee.

Detainee: This is something I was forced to say. [These are] all lies. Especially here I was really forced here by the interrogator and investigator. I was forced to say all these things, and also in Kabul and Bagram. I was abused mentally and psychologically, by threatening to be raped. If you were in my place you would do the same thing. You would say anything to satisfy.

Designated Military Officer: Mohammad Shah, an Afghan al Qaida supporter who was positioned well within the Taliban, was living in Peshawar, Pakistan, as of 14 August 2002. Shah had been helping Abu Sulayman, an Algerian al Qaida member, to plan attacks on United States forces by attacking low flying aircraft inside Afghanistan around Khowst and Jalalabad.

Detainee: I don't know anything about this.

Designated Military Officer: In 2000, the Detainee was pressured by a long-time friend to provide lodging for Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi in Kabul. The Detainee's wife objected to Zarqawi staying with them, so the Detainee rented a house for him instead. The Detainee said he never personally met Zarqawi.

Detainee: All big lies, big, big lies and I was forced to say this and there's no need to add anything else.

Designated Military Officer: Abu Musa'ab al-Zarqawi is a Jordanian citizen with ties to al Qaida and other terrorist organizations and currently operates out of Iraq. He was provided the financial and material support for the assassination of a United States diplomat, participated in acts of terrorism, trained terrorists, led terrorist cells, and facilitated transport of terrorists. Zarqawi has arranged training for terrorists at al Qaida camps and eventually established his own terrorist cell and camps, which specialize in poisons.

Detainee: I have...personally I don't know about this. But whatever you're telling me it's all known on the media. All on the news and the media.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee stated he met Khalid Sheikh Muhammad (KSM) two months before the fall of the Taliban government in Afghanistan. He recalled only seeing this individual twice in 1987 and then again for a one time event in 1990. He was not a close associate of this person and had limited contact.

Detainee: Lies, I never been asked about this before previously, but I was asked about this here in Guantanamo Bay and they forced me to say all of this. By force they [told]

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me just admit that you met him in 1987, but the other day I really have no recollection of that.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: An Egyptian suspected of connections to al Qaida stated the Detainee was a member of Hizbul Mujahedin.

Detainee: Never, that's impossible.

Designated Military Officer: The Secretary of State has designated the Hizb ul-Mujahedin (HM) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO). This organization was founded in 1989 and is the largest Kashmiri militant group, officially supporting the liberation of Kashmir and its accession to Pakistan or independence. The group is the militant wing of Pakistan's largest Islamic political party, the Jamaat-I-Islami. It reportedly operated in Afghanistan through the mid-1990s and trained alongside the Afghan HIG until the Taliban takeover.

Detainee: I have never been a member with this group and I don't know anything about it. I heard about it. That officially Pakistan acknowledges this group and it has their official office, that's what I heard. I never belong[ed] to it, never.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee hosted Khalil Haqqani at his home during the winter of 2002-2003. Khalil is the brother of Jalaluddin Haqqani.

Detainee: That's a lie. I never met him and I don't know him, but I was forced to say so.

Presiding Officer: I understand.

Designated Military Officer: Jalaluddin Haqqani is the former Taliban Minister of Tribal Affairs and personal friend of Usama Bin Laden.

Detainee: I don't know this but by getting involved with other detainees. They said, "Yes, he was a brother of the Haqqani." But I don't know him. I never did. I know [of] him. I don't know his brother and I don't know he has any relation with Usama Bin Laden.

Designated Military Officer: On 18 November 2002, the Irish National Police arrested and questioned Libyan extremist and document forger Ibrahim Mohammed Mustafa (aka Abu Hafs). During a search of his home, officers seized 56 pages of handwritten notes including names and numbers in his personal telephone directory. Several names on this list may match the Detainee's name, his family members, and his friend Abu Yasir.

Detainee: Nobody had asked me during investigation about this and I have no idea about this person. I've never been questioned about this matter. Just recently, when I had the interview with you. I heard about this Abu Hafs.

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Designated Military Officer: During an Irish National Police raid of the Dublin residence of Libyan extremist Jamal Mohamed Octabesh in the late October 2003, officers seized 55 pages of documents, including lists of names and telephone numbers. Several names on this list may match the Detainee's name, his father, and his cousin.

Detainee: It's never been discussed during investigation and I have no idea about this.

Presiding Officer: Okay. Thank you.

Detainee: Thank you.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee believes he has been imprisoned unjustly and he hopes bad things will happen to America.

Detainee: That's impossible. I never said this. Yes, I am unjustly here but I never said anything about bad things happen to America. Thank you very much.

Designated Military Officer: Pakistani police came to the Detainee's father-in-law's home on numerous occasions because the Detainee and his two Pakistani companions were causing disturbances and threatening villagers. On one occasion, the father-in-law refused to allow the Detainee's disruptive friends back into his home. He confronted the Detainee who went for a gun. The father-in-law was also armed and shot the Detainee in the chest. The Detainee was treated at a Pakistani hospital after this incident, and then arrested while still at the hospital for previously stealing a car.

Detainee: You could verify this through Pakistani authorities or by telex and then they will give you the answer for this. As far as the shooting, I was playing with [a] gun and I shot myself, my father-in-law [did not] shoot me. Well, I have to be frank. Yeah, there was some anonymous...there were some problems between him, and me but the authorities...Pakistani they know that. It's a domestic affairs and I have admitted to the Pakistani authorities that I was playing with my gun and I shot myself. As far as a car, car theft or anything like that. I heard about this matter here, just now. This is the first time I hear that I entered the prison because I stole a car. You can verify that by calling the Pakistani authorities, the capitol of Pakistan, and they will let you know everything and how I was shot.

Presiding Officer: Are you better now?

Detainee: Yes, I am fine thank god.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee denies having a police record in Pakistan, and claims local villagers were lying because they did not like Arabs.

Detainee: Detainee laughs. Pakistani authority has nothing to do with this allegation, but if you want to verify it you could. You can always verify it. There is no need to discuss this.

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Presiding Officer: We understand.

Detainee: I have a very, very clean record in Pakistan and nobody sued me I have no record what so ever, but my entry to prison it was due to the fact that I didn't have legal papers. I don't want to get into a lot of details, but I...there are some groups that initiate these actions to make the Pakistani authorities against me, but I really don't want to go into details.

Presiding Officer: We understand. The government has not but other individuals have made accusations.

Detainee: I thank you very much, but I don't want to take much of your time. I would like to mention one thing. I really would like you to do a background check on me in Pakistan. You will see what Pakistan think[s] of me.

Presiding Officer: We will pursue all information.

Detainee: I would like to also say Pakistan authority unjustly treated me. After I was shot they took me to the investigation office and I was treated very badly. [Even] now I am suffering from pain.

Presiding Officer: Thank you. I will ask you more questions.

Designated Military Officer: The Detainee said that he never swore bayat to Usama Bin Laden.

Detainee: Impossible.

The Designated Military Officer confirmed that he had no further unclassified information and requested a closed session to present classified information relevant to the disposition of the Detainee.

The Presiding Officer acknowledged the request.

The Presiding Officer opened the Administrative Review Board to the Detainee to present information with the assistance of the Assisting Military Officer.

The Assisting Military Officer presented unclassified information, Exhibits EC-1 through EC-4, to the Administrative Review Board.

The Assisting Military Officer stated that a copy of these exhibits had been previously distributed to the Designated Military Officer.

The Detainee made the following statement:

Detainee: I deny all the allegations that have been directed at me. I consider them to be additional and forced upon me by the interrogator, Paul. Who destroyed me [with] the

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excessive use of poisons, in drinks and especially nasal congestion medicine, which made my nose bleed. Regarding my manners they are good with the MPs and the administration and you can verify that with the administration and ask them about it. I intend to start a happy life for myself in terms of learning and education and this will not happen except for a western country that will accept me as a refugee and help me in the matter of survival, stability and safety. I also intend to gather the members of my family that are dispersed all over the world. And this will not happen until after a period of time. As well as other things that I do not wish to mention right now. I do not pose a threat neither to America nor to its allies. Not even to an animal that does not speak and does not have a brain. This is all I have, god bless you.

Presiding Officer: Thank you very much. Thank you for the pictures of your children. These are your children, correct? Does this conclude your statement?

Detainee: This is an abbreviation I gave you, sir.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

The Assisting Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.

The Designated Military Officer had no questions for the Detainee.

Administrative Review Board Member's questions:

Board Member: How old were you when you first went to Afghanistan?

Detainee: Eleven years old.

Board Member: What kind of profession [did] you say your father was in?

Detainee: School director in Peshawar. Principal

Board Member: What kind of work did he do after he got to Afghanistan?

Detainee: I never [saw] my dad in Afghanistan. I have not seen my father since 1988.

Board Member: Who did you live with Afghanistan?

Presiding Officer: When you were eleven...when you were very young?

Detainee: I lived with a Afghan citizens. I lived with the Afghans.

Presiding Officer: Where specifically, whose house?

Detainee: I live in a village in Jalalabad. I lived with some Afghani friends in their

homes.

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Board Member: Did you ever go to Afghanistan to fight?

Detainee: No, sir.

Board Member: Did you know about the war that was going on?

Detainee: No, I had no idea.

Board Member: Did you ever have any kind of military training?

Detainee: No, sir.

Presiding Officer: Did you have any kind of weapons training at all?

Detainee: I only know how to use two pistols, but I have [had] no weapons training.

Board Member: What kind of weapon was it that you shot yourself with?

Detainee: It's called number 30. It's made by [the] Russians.

Presiding Officer: Is it a pistol?

Detainee: Yes, it is a pistol.

Board Member: Do you know a man named Asadullah al-Sindi?

Detainee: I've heard of him. I don't know. I've never seen him.

Board Member: Do you speak English?

Detainee: I wish.

Board Member: Just a little bit?

Detainee: Due to the excessive investigation I learned a little bit, but I don't speak it

normally.

Board Member: I have about five questions for you. How old are you now?

Detainee: I was born in 1975, the month of six, June. The 26 of June, it was on Monday

at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Board Member: You said that you would like to go back to your home country? What is

your home country?

Detainee: Algeria. I haven't seen Algeria in 21 years.



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Presiding Officer: That's why we asked; you have lived everywhere but Algeria.

Board Member: And you were born in Algeria?

Detainee: Yes.

Board Member: You said that you had family all over the world. Where are they?

Detainee: Not all over the world, some countries in the world.

Board Member: When I went through all this information. It looks like you were,

according to this information...you were very busy in 1999?

Detainee: Could you please explain to me how?

Board Member: I will. It says that you were expelled from Pakistan in 1999?

Detainee: 2000.

Board Member: That was 2000. Were you in prison in Pakistan in 1999?

Detainee: Yes.

Board Member: So, if you were in prison in Pakistan in 1999, did you also attend a

training camp in Pakistan in 1999?

Translator requests the question to be repeated.

Board Member: Were you in prison in 1999?

Detainee: Yes.

Board Member: Did you also attend training in Pakistan in 1999?

Detainee: No, I didn't.

Board Member: Thank you.

Detainee: I really thank you all.

Presiding Officer: I have more [questions]. Thank you very much for all your answers

today. There's [so] much information. Thank you for your patience. How many

children do you have, five?

Detainee: Now, I have four children, but I lost one. It would have been five.

Presiding Officer: Is [that] one [in] of these pictures?

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Detainee: No. It's not in [the picture].

Presiding Officer: Three girls and one boy?

Detainee: Yes, sir. I haven't seen the last one, which is the boy, because he was born

after I was captured.

Presiding Officer: What kind of work will you do, if you go back home?

Detainee: I need to study. I want to study.

Presiding Officer: You want to back to school?

Detainee: Yes, sir.

Presiding Officer: What would you like to study for a profession?

Detainee: After I finish my college, I will decide, right now I can't tell you.

Presiding Officer: It's very unfortunate, there's so much information, so many times,

[and] different people have mentioned your name, why do you think that is?

Detainee: Do you mean the detainees?

Presiding Officer: Your name has been with so many different groups and have been

mentioned so many times?

Detainee: I don't understand the question. What is the point of the question?

Presiding Officer: The point is... I was just wondering if you knew why your name appears with so many different groups and so many different individuals seem to know your name. Are you a man, who would be known by many people outside of these fighting groups?

Detainee: What do you mean is it mentioned that I am a bad man, a good man?

Presiding Officer: What I mean is many people seem to know your name, is there a reason they may know your name other than doing bad things?

Detainee: Some people are very well known in this world, without the individual know[ing] about it.

Presiding Officer: Okay. Thank you. Your behavior in camp is very important, by the fact that you're wearing white, I know that your behavior has been very good. That is very important.

Detainee: Thank you.

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Presiding Officer: Thank you very much for your patience and your answers today to all these questions today. It's very helpful to us.

Detainee: I thank you. I thank all of you here.

Presiding Officer: Thank you.

The Presiding Officer read the post-Administrative Review Board instructions to the Detainee and adjourned the open session of the Administrative Review Board.

The Presiding Officer opened the classified portion of the session.

The Presiding Officer adjourned the classified portion of the session and the Administrative Review Board was closed for deliberation and voting.

AUTHENTICATION

I certify the material contained in this transcript is a true and accurate summary of the testimony given during the proceedings.

Captain, USN
Presiding Officer

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